

EXH #19

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MALT BEVERAGE (BEER) PRODUCTS

Since 1970, the following minimum requirements have been used by ATF [now TTB] (and its predecessor agency) for products which will be marketed as malt beverages or beer:

- 1) **Brewing Water:** Materials used for treating brewing water have not been officially classified as brewing adjuncts by ATF. However, all materials used for this purpose must be unobjectionable under laws and regulations administered by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
- 2) **Malt:** A malt beverage (beer) must be made with at least 25 percent malt calculated as the percentage of malt (by weight) compared to the total dry weight of all ingredients which contribute fermentable extract to the base product.
- 3) **Hops:** A malt beverage (beer) must be made with at least 7.5 pounds of hops (or the equivalent thereof in hop extracts or hop oils) per 100 barrels (3100 gallons) of base product (beer, ale, etc.).

⁸ ATF Compliance Matters, 94-1, p. 2.